This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information presentation system comprising a sending apparatus sending send data including text information, and a receiving apparatus is connected to said sending apparatus in being capable of communication and receives said send data,

wherein said receiving apparatus comprises:

voice outputting means for carrying out voice synthesis based on text information included in received send data, and outputting obtained synthetic voice;

first displaying means for displaying speaker images imitating speakers of said synthetic voice; and

second displaying means for displaying a text string to be spoken by said synthetic voice in a different text display form, which enables to distinguish each of said speaker images, corresponding to each of said speaker images.

Claim 2 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 1, further comprising first retaining means for retaining display correspondence information showing a correspondence between each of a plurality of speaker images and the display form of a text string,

wherein said first displaying means displays a speaker image selected from said plurality of speaker images, and

said second displaying means obtains a display form corresponding to said selected speaker image from said display correspondence information to display said text string in said display form.

Claim 3 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 2, wherein said display correspondence information is sent from said sending apparatus to said receiving apparatus.

Claim 4 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 1, further comprising second retaining means for retaining genre correspondence information showing a correspondence between said plurality of speaker images and genres, and

selecting means for identifying a genre of text information included in said send data in said receiving apparatus, and selecting a speaker image corresponding to the identified genre based on said genre correspondence information,

wherein said first displaying means displays a speaker image selected by said selecting means.

Claim 5 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 4, wherein said genre correspondence information is sent from said sending apparatus to said receiving apparatus.

Claim 6 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 1, wherein the text display form corresponding to each of said speaker images in said second displaying means is at least any one of the letter color, size and font.

Claim 7 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 1, wherein said second displaying means displays said text string with a predetermined positional relation with the position in which said speaker image is displayed.

Claim 8 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 1, wherein text information included in said send data includes headline text and text of spoken contents, and

said information presentation system further comprises third displaying means for displaying said headline text distinguishable from the text display by said second display means.

Claim 9 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 1, wherein said speaker image is an animation imitating a speaker.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An information presentation apparatus processing presentation data including text information, comprising:

voice outputting means for carrying out voice synthesis based on text information included in said presentation data for presentation, and outputting obtained synthetic voice;

first displaying means for displaying speaker images imitating speakers of said synthetic voice; and

second displaying means for displaying a text string to be spoken by said synthetic voice in a <u>different</u> text display form<u>, which enables to distinguish each of said speaker images,</u> corresponding to each of said speaker images.

Claim 11 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising first retaining means for retaining display correspondence information showing a correspondence between each of a plurality of speaker images and the display form of a text string,

wherein said first displaying means displays a speaker image selected from said plurality of speaker images, and

said second displaying means obtains a display form corresponding to said selected speaker image from said display correspondence information to display said text string in said display form.

Claim 12 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising:

second retaining means for retaining genre correspondence information showing a correspondence between said plurality of speaker images and genres; and

selecting means for identifying a genre of text information included in said data for presentation, and selecting a speaker image corresponding to the identified genre based on said genre correspondence information,

wherein said first displaying means displays a speaker image selected by said selecting means.

Claim 13 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the text display form corresponding to each of said speaker images in said second displaying means is at least any one of the letter color, size and font.

Claim 14 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said second displaying means displays said text string with a predetermined positional relation with the position in which said speaker image is displayed.

Claim 15 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 10, wherein text information included in said send data includes headline text and text of spoken contents, and

said information presentation apparatus further comprises third displaying means for displaying said headline text distinguishable from the text displayed by said second display means.

Claim 16 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said speaker image is an animation imitating a speaker.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A control method of an information presentation system having a sending apparatus sending send data including text information, and a receiving apparatus that is connected to said sending apparatus in being capable of communication and receives said send data, comprising:

a voice outputting step of carrying out voice synthesis based on text information included in received send data, and outputting obtained synthetic voice;

a first displaying step of displaying speaker images imitating speakers of said synthetic voice; and

a second displaying step of displaying a text string to be spoken by said synthetic voice in a <u>different</u> text display form<u>, which enables to distinguish each of said speaker images,</u> corresponding to each of said speaker images.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): An information presentation method for processing presentation data including text information, comprising:

a voice outputting step of carrying out voice synthesis based on text information included in the presentation data, and outputting obtained synthetic voice;

a first displaying step of displaying speaker images imitating speakers of said synthetic voice; and

a second displaying step of displaying a text string to be spoken by said synthetic voice in a <u>different</u> text display form<u>, which enables to distinguish each of said speaker images,</u> corresponding to each of said speaker images.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory storing therein programs for control of an information presentation system having a sending apparatus sending send data including text information, and a receiving apparatus that is connected to said sending apparatus in being capable of communication and receives said send data, comprising:

a program code for a voice outputting step of carrying out voice synthesis based on text information included in received send data, and outputting obtained synthetic voice;

a program code for a first displaying step of displaying speaker images imitating speakers of said synthetic voice; and

a program code for a second displaying step of displaying a text string to be spoken by said synthetic voice in a <u>different</u> text display form<u>, which enables to distinguish each of said speaker images,</u> corresponding to each of said speaker images.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory storing therein programs of information presentation for processing presentation data including text information, comprising:

a program code for a voice outputting step of carrying out voice synthesis based on text information included in the presentation data, and outputting obtained synthetic voice;

a program code for a first displaying step of displaying speaker images imitating speakers of said synthetic voice; and

a program code for a second displaying step of displaying a text string to be spoken by said synthetic voice in a different text display form, which enables to distinguish each of said speaker images, corresponding to each of said speaker images.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): An information presentation system where an information distribution terminal and an information presentation terminal presenting information distributed from the information distribution terminal are connected via a network,

wherein said information distribution terminal comprises:

distributing means for distributing information including letter information and image information, and

said information presentation terminal comprises:

editing means for dividing information distributed by said distributing means into a synthetic voice portion read out by synthetic voice in synchronization with animation images and a display portion displayed as letter information and image information; and

obtaining means for obtaining information relating to contents of said display portion by said editing means, and

presenting means for controlling the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on information obtained by said obtaining corresponding to said display portion edited by said editing means, and presenting said synthetic voice portion and said display portion.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The information presentation system according to claim 21, wherein said ~~editing~~ obtaining means ~~comprises adding means for adding~~ obtains a flag for controlling the position ~~in which~~ of said animation image ~~is displayed to~~ as the information ~~corresponding~~ relating to contents of said display portion, and

said presenting means controls the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on the flag obtained by said obtaining means ~~added to the information corresponding to said display portion~~.

Claim 23(Original): The information presentation system according to claim 22, wherein said flag includes any one of the importance of said display portion, the need for hiding the same, important points and points needing to be hidden, or a combination thereof.

Claim 24 (Original): he information presentation system according to claim 22, wherein said presenting means controls the position in which said animation image is displayed so that the position does not overlap a part or all of the display position of said display portion, based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said display portion.

Claim 25 (Original): The information presentation system according to claim 22, wherein said presenting means controls the position in which said animation image is displayed so that the position overlaps a part or all of the display position of said display portion, based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said display portion.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A control method of an information presentation system where an information distribution terminal and an information presentation terminal presenting information distributed from the information distribution terminal are connected via a network, comprising:

an editing step of dividing information distributed by said information distribution terminal into a synthetic voice portion read out by synthetic voice in synchronization with animation images and a display portion displayed as letter information and image information; ~~and~~

<u>obtaining step for obtaining information relating to contents of said display portion by</u> <u>said editing step, and</u>

a presenting step of controlling the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on information <u>obtained by said obtaining</u> ~~corresponding to said display~~ ~~portion edited in said editing~~ step, and presenting said synthetic voice portion and said display portion by said information presentation terminal.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The control method according to claim 26, wherein said ~~editing~~ <u>obtaining</u> step ~~comprises an adding step of adding~~ <u>obtains</u> a flag for controlling the position ~~in which~~ <u>of</u> said animation image ~~is displayed to~~ <u>as the</u> information ~~corresponding~~ <u>relating</u> to <u>contents of</u> said display portion, and

in said presenting step, the position in which said animation image is displayed is controlled, based on the flag <u>obtained by said obtaining step</u> ~~added to the information~~ ~~corresponding to said display portion~~.

Claim 28 (Original): The control method of an information presentation system according to claim 27, wherein said flag includes any one of the importance of said display portion, the need for hiding the same, important points and points needing to be hidden, or a combination thereof.

Claim 29 (Original): The control method of an information presentation system according to claim 27, wherein in said presenting step, the position in which said animation image is displayed is controlled based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said display portion, so that the position does not overlap a part or all of the display position of said display portion.

Claim 30 (Original): The control method of an information presentation system according to claim 27, wherein in said presenting step, the position in which said animation image is displayed is controlled based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said

display portion, so that the position overlaps a part or all of the display position of said display portion.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): An information presentation apparatus for presenting information distributed from an information distribution terminal via a network, comprising:

editing means for dividing information distributed from said information distribution terminal into a synthetic voice portion read out by synthetic voice in synchronization with animation images and a display portion displayed as letter information and image information; ~~and~~

obtaining means for obtaining information relating to contents of said display portion by said editing means, and

presenting means for controlling the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on information obtained by said obtaining ~~corresponding to said display portion edited by said editing~~ means, and presenting said synthetic voice portion and said display portion.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said ~~editing~~ obtaining means ~~comprises adding means for adding~~ obtains a flag for controlling the position ~~in which~~ of said animation image ~~is displayed to~~ as the information ~~corresponding~~ relating to contents of said display portion, and

said presenting means controls the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on the flag obtained by said obtaining means ~~added to the information corresponding to said display portion~~.

Claim 33 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said flag includes any one of the importance of said display portion, the need for hiding the same, important points and points needing to be hidden, or a combination thereof.

Claim 34 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said presenting means controls the position in which said animation image is displayed

so that the position does not overlap a part or all of the display position of said display portion, based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said display portion.

Claim 35 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said presenting means controls the position in which said animation image is displayed so that the position overlaps a part or all of the display position of said display portion, based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said display portion.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): An information presentation method of presenting information distributed from an information distribution terminal via a network, comprising:

an editing step of dividing information distributed by said information distribution terminal into a synthetic voice portion read out by synthetic voice in synchronization with animation images and a display portion displayed as letter information and image information; ~~and~~

obtaining step of obtaining information relating to contents of said display portion by said editing means, and

a presenting step of controlling the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on information obtained by said obtaining ~~corresponding to said display portion edited in said editing~~ step, and presenting said synthetic voice portion and said display portion.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The information presentation method according to claim 36, wherein said ~~editing~~ obtaining step ~~comprises an adding step of adding~~ obtains a flag for controlling the position ~~in which~~ of said animation image ~~is displayed to~~ as the information ~~corresponding~~ relating to contents of said display portion, and

in said presenting step, the position in which said animation image is displayed is controlled, based on the flag obtained by said obtaining step ~~added to the information corresponding to said display portion~~.

Claim 38 (Original): The information presentation method according to claim 37, wherein said flag includes any one of the importance of said display portion, the need for hiding the same, important points and points needing to be hidden, or a combination thereof.

Claim 39 (Original): The information presentation method according to claim 37, wherein in said presenting step, the position in which said animation image is displayed is controlled based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said display portion, so that the position does not overlap a part or all of the display position of said display portion.

Claim 40 (Original): The information presentation method according to claim 37, wherein in said presenting step, the position in which said animation image is displayed is controlled based on the flag added to the information corresponding to said display portion, so that the position overlaps a part or all of the display position of said display portion.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory storing therein program codes for control of an information presentation system where an information distribution terminal and an information presentation terminal presenting information distributed from the information distribution terminal are connected via a network, comprising:

a program code for an editing step of dividing information distributed by said information distribution terminal into a synthetic voice portion read out by synthetic voice in synchronization with animation images and a display portion displayed as letter information and image information; ~~and~~

program code for an obtaining step for obtaining information relating to contents of said display portion by said editing step, and

a program code for a presenting step of controlling the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on information obtained by said obtaining ~~corresponding to said display portion edited in said editing~~ step, and presenting said synthetic voice portion and said display portion by said information presentation terminal.

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Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory storing therein program codes for information presentation of presenting information distributed from an information distribution terminal via a network, comprising:

a program code for an editing step of dividing information distributed by said information distribution terminal into a synthetic voice portion read out by synthetic voice in synchronization with animation images and a display portion displayed as letter information and image information; ~~and~~

program code for an obtaining step for obtaining information relating to contents of said display portion by said editing step, and

a program code for a presenting step of controlling the position in which said animation image is displayed, based on information obtained by said obtaining ~~corresponding to said display portion edited in said editing~~ step, and presenting said synthetic voice portion and said display portion.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): An information presentation apparatus for presenting information in synchronization with animation images, comprising:

retaining means for retaining information for each of two or more types of genres, and retaining animation images with animation images corresponding to each of said two or more types of genres;

first presenting means for presenting synthetic voice based on information of a specified genre and animation images corresponding to the genre, and continuing to present a specified genre and animation images corresponding to next genre after a presentation of the specified genre and animation images corresponding to the genre is completed;

~~voice inputting means for inputting~~ receiving means for receiving user's instructions by voice; and

second presenting means for using animation images corresponding to each of the genres before and after switching of said image to present information showing the switching of the genre, based on said user's instructions received by said receiving ~~by voice inputted by said voice inputting~~ means.

Claim 44 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said second presenting means presents information showing the switching of said genre by voice.

Claim 45 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said retaining means further retains data for generating information showing the switching of said genre, for each of said two or more types of genres.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said ~~voice inputting~~ receiving means comprises recognizing means for recognizing said user's instructions by voice, and

said second presenting means uses animation images corresponding to each of the genres before and after switching of said genre to present information showing the switching of the genre, based on the result of recognition by said recognizing means.

Claim 47 (Original): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said information includes any one or both of information stored in an external storage device and information distributed via a network.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): An information presentation method of presenting information in synchronization with animation images, comprising:

a retaining step of retaining information for each of two or more types of genres, and retaining animation images in a storage medium with animation images corresponding to each of said two or more types of genres;

a first presenting step of presenting synthetic voice based on information of a specified genre and animation images corresponding to the genre, and continuing to present a specified genre and animation images corresponding to next genre after a presentation of the specified genre and animation images corresponding to the genre is completed;

a ~~voice inputting step of inputting~~ receiving step for receiving user's instructions by voice; and

a second presenting step of using animation images corresponding to each of the genres before and after switching of said image to present information showing the switching of the genre, based on said user's instructions <u>received by said receiving</u> ~~by voice inputted in said voice inputting~~ step.

Claim 49 (Original): The information presentation method according to claim 48, wherein in said second presenting step, information showing the switching of said genre is presented by voice.

Claim 50 (Original): The information presentation method according to claim 48, wherein in said retaining step, data for generating information showing the switching of said genre is further retained for each of said two or more types of genres.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): The information presentation method according to claim 48, wherein said ~~voice inputting~~ <u>receiving</u> step comprises a recognizing step of recognizing said user's instructions by voice, and

in said second presenting step animation images corresponding to each of the genres before and after switching of said genre are used to present information showing the switching of the genre, based on the result of recognition in said recognizing step.

Claim 52 (Original): The information presentation method according to claim 48, wherein said information includes any one or both of information stored in an external storage device and information distributed via a network.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): A computer readable memory storing therein program codes for information presentation of presenting information in synchronization with animation images, comprising:

a program code for a retaining step of retaining information for each of two or more types of genres, and retaining animation images in a storage medium with animation images corresponding to each of said two or more types of genres;

a program code for a first presenting step of presenting synthetic voice based on information of a specified genre and animation images corresponding to the genre, and continuing to present a specified genre and animation images corresponding to next genre after a presentation of the specified genre and animation images corresponding to the genre is completed;

a program code for a ~~voice inputting step of inputting~~ receiving step for receiving user's instructions by voice; and

a program code for a second presenting step of using animation images corresponding to each of the genres before and after switching of said image to present information showing the switching of the genre, based on said user's instructions received by said receiving ~~by voice inputted in said voice inputting~~ step.

Claim 54 (New): The information presentation system according to claim 21, further comprising determination means for determining contents of the letter information and/or the image information;

said obtaining means obtains contents determined by said determining means as the information relating to contents of the display portion.

Claim 55 (New): The control method according to claim 26, further comprising a determination step of determining contents of the letter information and/or the image information;

said obtaining means obtains contents determined in said determining step as the information relating to contents of the display portion.

Claim 56 (New): The information presentation apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising determination means for determining contents of the letter information and/or the image information;

said obtaining means obtains contents determined by said determining means as the information relating to contents of the display portion.

Claim 57 (New): The information presentation method according to claim 36, characterized by further comprising a determination step of determining contents of the letter information and/or the image information;

said obtaining means obtains contents determined in said determining step as the information relating to contents of the display portion.